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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTS ON TALKS IN EASTERN EUROPE
AND FRANCE

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT SENGHOR PLANS OFFICIAL VISITS NEXT YEAR TO ROMANIA AND USSR. HE REPORTS HAVING HAD "IMPORTANT" TALKS IN ROMANIA AND "FRUITFUL" DISCUSSIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE TERMS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE HEALTHY. SENGHOR IS OPTIMISTIC ON PROGRESS TOWARD NEW ECONOMIC ORDER BUT SEES SOLUTION AS DECADES AWAY.

AFTER SUMMER IN EUROPE, HE CALLS ON SENEGAL TO BUILD SOCIETY LESS PERMISSIVE THAN WEST BUT WITH MORE LIBERTY THAN POPULAR DEMOCRACIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RETURNED TO DAKAR SEPTEMBER 18 AFTER 55-DAY ABSENCE FROM SENEGAL. IN ARRIVAL REMARKS HE RECAPPED HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPEAN SOJOURN WHICH INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH HEADS OF STATE OF FRANCE, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, PARTICIPATION IN 6TH FRENCH LANGUAGE BIENNIAL IN LUXEMBOURG AND STRUGA POETRY FESTIVAL IN YUGOSLAVIA, AS WELL AS MONTH'S VACATION IN NORMANDY.

3. SENGHOR ANNOUNCED HE WOULD PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA AND USSR "NEXT YEAR." HE SAID HE HAD HAD "VERY IMPORTANT TALKS" WITH PRESIDENT CEAUCEASCU, AND HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEEN "VERY FRUITFUL." IN ADDITION TO MEETING YUGOSLAV POETS, SENGHOR SAID HE HAD HAD TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TITO AND IT WAS INTENDED TO REINFORCE COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA AS WELL AS ROMANIA.

4. SENGHOR INDICATED STATE OF FRANCO-SENEGALESE COOPERATION WAS HEALTHY. HE REMARKED THAT "THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY THE AFFAIR OF MME. CLAUSTRE," BUT SAID IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FRANCO-SENEGALESE COOPERATION. ON SUBJECT OF SENEGALESE WORKERS IN FRANCE, SENGHOR SAID THAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES HAD IMPROVED SINCE FRANCO-AFRICAN CONFERENCE IN BANGUI. HE STATED THERE WERE 3,000 SENEGALESE WORKING IN NORMANDY, BUT THEY WERE WELL TREATED AND THERE WAS NOT AS MUCH UNEMPLOYMENT. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, "OTHER PROBLEMS" INVOLVING SENEGALESE WORKERS IN FRANCE, ON WHICH SENGHOR SAID HE SENDING LETTER TO FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING.

5. SENGHOR REPORTED HE AND FRENCH PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN UP INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND ECONOMIC CRISIS. "FOR 25 YEARS," HE SAID, "WE HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST DETERIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE AND ADVOCATED NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. I THINK THAT FRANCE CAN DO MUCH". CALLING LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE SUCCESS, NOTING THAT LDCA AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION HAD "DECIDED TO ACT IN CONCERT," AND LOOKING FORWARD TO RECONVENING OF PARIS PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE, SENGHOR DECLARED HIMSELF "OPTIMISTIC," BUT ACKNOWLEDGED "IT WILL TAKE DECADES TO FIND JUST SOLUTION". HE SAID ESSENTIAL THING WAS THAT LDCA AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TRIED TO SIT AT CONFERENCE TABLE AND DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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6. SENGHOR ASSURED THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN EXAMINING DOSSIERS ON INTERNAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING SENEGAL. HE CITED FIGHT AGAINST WASTE ("GASPILLAGES") AND CALLED FOR ACCENTUATION OF DECONCENTRATION AND DECENTRALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION. SENGHOR ASSERTED SENEGALESE "MUST MAKE CHOICES" ON SOCIAL GOALS. HE THOUGHT SOCIETY TOWARD WHICH SENEGALESE SHOULD WORK WILL HAVE MORE LIBERTY THAN POPULAR DEMOCRACIES, BUT MORE CONSTRAINTS THAT "PERMISSIVE WESTERN SOCIETY" WHICH, HE SAID, SENEGALESE "CANNOT WANT". HE SUGGESTED

THAT EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS ON SENEGALESE SOCIALISM PLANNED
FOR NEXT YEAR AND CNTS LABOR CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 26 WOULD
PROVIDE IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS SOCIALIST MODEL WHICH
SENEGAL HOPES TO REALIZE.
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